

Subtracting ads

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you for the coverage of the *Willamette Week* protest published in the Feb. 2 issue of *Just Out* ["Protesters Picket Publication"]. I wanted to share with you and your readers the range of business responses to activist concerns over *Willamette Week*'s hate-mongering.

• U.S. Bank, which typically has placed a half-page ad in *Willamette Week*, no longer will advertise in the publication. "We will not be placing any more product with *Willamette Week*," said Karen McShane of U.S. Bank's marketing department in a phone conversation Feb. 8. She expressed U.S. Bank's appreciation for being made aware of the situation.

• Rejuvenation House Parts' Madelyn Innis, the employee handling advertising for that firm: "Thank you for expressing your concern. I happened to miss those particular comments in *Willamette Week*, but I too share your concern. I don't think they're very professional at all, and I expressed our thoughts to the *Willamette Week* representative.... Thank you on behalf of our company."

• River City Bicycles: "We understand your concerns and will take them under consideration when we discuss our future advertising plans."

• And then there are firms that apparently have not bothered to respond, including Nature's Northwest, Qwest and the Mountain Shop.

Ultimately, the responsibility for whether hate-mongering and espousing violence will be tolerated in Portland rests with the citizens, for as Emile Zola wrote in denouncing the French government's anti-Semitic defamation and persecution of Louis Dreyfuss, "I will not be an

accomplice...I must speak out!" Portlanders can take the profit out of hate, but to do so we must speak—and continue to speak.

MARGARET DEIRDRE O'HARTIGAN
Portland

Support system

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to thank *Just Out* and Jonathan Kipp for the excellent feature on domestic violence in the gay community ["The Second Closet," Feb. 2]. An important piece of information that I would like to add is that a Women Battered by Women support group is meeting weekly. Any women interested in joining should call Bradley-Angle House at 503-281-3540 or 503-232-7805.

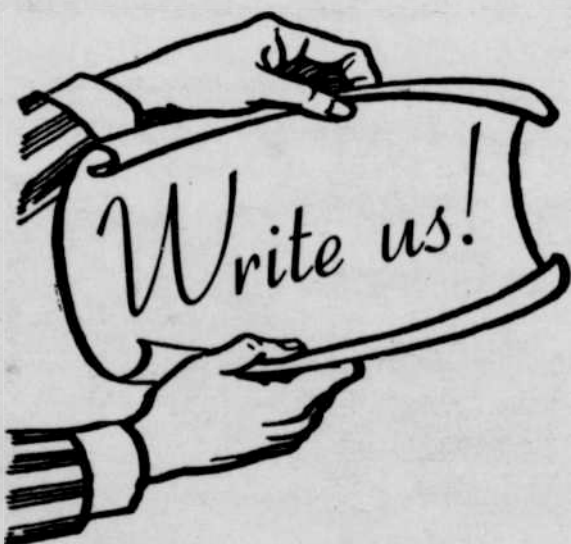
JESSE JORDAN
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corrections

The Feb. 2 article "Progress Report" incorrectly interpreted the Human Rights Campaign's Voter Scorecard. U.S. Sen. Gordon Smith never voted against the Employment Nondiscrimination Act but failed to sign on as a co-sponsor by the end of the 106th Congress. Also, his work on hate crimes legislation began in 1999, not 2000.

In the Feb. 2 article "The Second Closet," the Lesbian Community Project telephone number should have been 503-233-3913.

Just Out regrets the errors.



just out Welcomes letters to the editor

Letters must be accompanied by a phone number for verification purposes. Anonymous letters and letters without sufficient contact information will not be published.

just asking

In anticipation of his hotly debated duet with Elton John during the Grammy Awards ceremony Feb. 21, *Just Out* asks readers: "Eminem: hate monger or clever satirist?"



SIFRA MORRISON
Eugene student

"I don't believe that anyone who promotes bigotry in any way should be rewarded for their artistry. I really don't think Eminem's songs truly represent our generation."



JAYE SABLAN
Portland student

"This is my conflict. I don't think he should win. I think he's a brilliant wordsmith, but he's using his talents in a negative, hateful way."



TERRI KELLY
Portland graduate student

"I'm a proponent of free speech. I think it's important for people to be able to say whatever they want. If anybody gets hurt as a consequence, that's another bag of worms."



JORDAN
Eugene student

"A lot of little kids are really highly influenced by the music they listen to. Eminem's lyrics are so hateful, it shouldn't be sold to kids. It's sick stuff. It's unacceptable."

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